

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003:

1. Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2;
2. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101;
3. Claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,185,620 (Weber) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,304,910 (Roach);
4. Claim 4 was identified as containing allowable subject matter.

The claims and specification have been amended as set forth above. Re-examination of the pending and new claims is requested.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶

Claims 1-7 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regard as their invention.

II. Selected Claims

1. Claims 1-6

Claims 1-6 have been amended for structure.

2. Claim 7

Claim 7 has been amended for structure and to reflect the apparatus of claim 1.

3. Claims 8-20

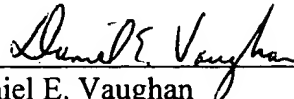
Claims 8-20 are new.

CONCLUSION

No new matter has been added with the preceding amendments. It is submitted that the application is in suitable condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If prosecution of this application may be facilitated through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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